

# University Research Council

## Minutes

Thursday, March 22, 2007

3:00 – 5:00 p.m.

Greenville Centre 1200

**Present:** Deirdre Mageean, Margaret Bauer, Jack Brinn, Reide Corbett, Susan DelVecchio, Chris Duffrin, Susan Beck-Frazier for Jeff Elwell, Marti Engelke, Paul Gemperline, Anne Jenkins, John Lehman, Susan McCammon, Pat Pellicane, Dorothy Spencer, Mark Taggart, Rich Williams

**Absent:** Michael Bassman, Rebecca Benfield, Richard Best, Kristen Borre, Michael Bosse, Wayne Cascio, Joe Chalovich, Lisa Clough, Brent Hendrixson, Joe Houmar, Jeffrey Johnson, Timothy Jones, Angela Lamson, and James McCubrey.

Corrections to the January 29, 2007 minutes. Under I. New Business, A. Institutional Review Board Activity – Suzanne Sparrow. Next to last sentence should read “Anyone that submits proposals and is in an “exempt” status is not required to do an IRB module. If they are expedited or have to go to full committee, they are required to do an IRB module.

Dr. Mageean called the meeting to order.

### **I. New Business**

- A. Grants & Contracts Director search: Dr. Gemperline introduced a candidate for the position of Director of Grants & Contracts. The candidate was given a few minutes to speak and emphasized training and communication. Members asked questions after the candidate finished.
- B. RGS Strategic Plans – a draft of the strategic plans was distributed and faculty members were asked to look them over and make comments at the next meeting.
- C. Update on Searches
  - 1. Compliance Search – Chaired by Paul Gemperline. Screening for this position started March 1, 2007. The pool of applicants was not as good as we would like. The Search Committee will meet with Dr. Mageean around mid April to revisit the University's needs and next steps. Aggressive recruiting may be needed.

2. Associate Vice Chancellor for Economic Development – Chaired by Marilyn Sheerer. Four candidates have been identified to visit campus for interviews within the next two weeks.
3. IICSP Search – Chaired by Paul Gemperline. The Search Committee has identified three candidates that will be on campus for interviews the first three weeks of April.
4. Joint faculty position in Coastal Policy – Chaired by Jamie Kruse.
5. Director of the Center for Sustainable Tourism – Chaired by Ron Newton. Search is just getting under way.
6. Associate Director of Agromedicine. Position has been advertised.

Dr. Mageean noted that the Division is forging some new ground with joint appointments in centers and institutes; therefore, we need to revisit the policies and procedures governing these kinds of searches and appointments.

D. Status on Start-up Funds, Research Development Awards, Faculty Senate Research/Creative Activity Grants

The University has three different internal funding sources for research.

- Start Up Requests
- Research Development Awards – Now in the 2nd year and is working very well.
- Faculty Senate Research & Creative Activity Grant

Handouts for start-up requests, research development awards, and Faculty Senate Research and Creative Activity Awards were distributed. A question came up about the eligibility of faculty with start-up funds to apply for research development awards and faculty senate awards. Mark Taggart plans to ask the Research & Creative Activity Grants Committee to not exclude those who received start-up funds. After some discussion, it was decided that the division needs to revisit the issue of internal research grant eligibility.

III. Announcements – Research Achievement Week is next week, March 26-30. Please support your colleagues and students

Because of time, the meeting adjourned at 4:55 p.m.